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TAGS: PINT, SHUM, RO

SUBJECT: STATUS OF KAROLY KIRALY

1. LASZLO HAMOS OF COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN ROMANIA
GAVE ROMANIAN DESK OFFICER FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF WHAT HAPPEN-
ED TO KIRALY AFTER HIS LETTER ON THE HUNGARIAN MINORITY
SITUATION IN ROMANIA RECEIVED PRESS ATTENTION IN EARLY
FEBRUARY. HAMOS SAID INFORMATION IS FROM A PERSON WHO
RECENTLY SPOKE WITH KIRALY.

2. ACCORDING TO HAMOS, AFTER HIS LETTER WAS PUBLISHED,
KIRALY WAS THREATENED WITH DIRE CONSEQUENCES IF HE FAILED
TO DENY AUTHORSHIP OF THE LETTER AND/OR WITHDRAW HIS RE-
QUEST FOR MORE FAVORABLE TREATMENT OF HUNGARIANS IN ROMANIA.
THERE WERE HINTS THAT LEADING HUNGARIAN INTELLECTUALS IN
ROMANIA WOULD SUFFER IF KIRALY PERSISTED. DURING THIS
TIME, KIRALY WAS KEPT UNDER HOUSE ARREST IN TIRGU MURES.
ABOUT A WEEK AGO, KIRALY WAS MOVED TO CARANSEBES, WHERE HE
IS WORKING IN A FACTORY CALLED INTREPRINDEREA CPL, IN AN
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AREA CALLED BALTA SARATA. HAMOS SAID KIRALY IS LIVING AT
STR. SEMENICUL 39, CARANSEBES, COD 1650, JUD. CARAS-SEVERIN.
HAMOS SAID KIRALY PLANS TO WRITE A LETTER TO ROMANIAN PRES-
IDENT CEAUSESCU DESCRIBING WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO HIM, AND
HAMOS HOPES EVENTUALLY TO RECEIVE A COPY OF THE LETTER.

3. HAMOS SAID HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT KIRALY WOULD WISH

TO LEAVE ROMANIA, SHOULD THE POSSIBILITY BE OFFERED. HE
IS NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE SITUATION OF KIRALY'S FAMILY BUT
BELIEVES THAT KIRALY WAS DIVORCED AND HAS REMARRIED. VANCE

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